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NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 for the above identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed in this case on January 18, 2005; therefore this response timely filed and is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of time for two months with necessary fees. Entry of this amendment and consideration of the following arguments is respectfully requested.

Pending Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.